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1. EMBASSY IS AUTHORIZED TO SAY THAT USG WELCOMES GOI
INTEREST IN PARTICIPATION IN THIS WORK. QUESTION OF
SUPPORT FOR ITALIAN CANDIDACY HAS NOT AND PROBABLY WILL
NOT ARISE IN THAT FORM AS NO ELECTION IS PRESENTLY
CONTEMPLATED. IN FACT, ITALY AS COORDINATOR OF WEO GROUP
IN ECOSOC HAS BEEN GIVEN RESPONSIBILITY FOR NEGOTIATING
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SIZE OF WORKING GROUP WITH OTHER REGIONAL GROUPS. CURRENT

PROBLEM IS THAT G-77 INSISTS ON LIMITING WORKING GROUP TO 18 WITHOUT SACRIFICING GEOGRAPHICAL BALANCE WHILE WEO'S ARE PRESSING FOR 8 OR 9 PARTICIPANTS.

2. U.S. INTEREST IS IN RAPID AGREEMENT ON COMPOSITION OF WORKING GROUP OF ANY REASONABLE SIZE. IN EVENT WEO'S ARE CONSTRAINED TO REDUCE PARTICIPATION TO FIT AN 18-MEMBER WG, USA WILL NOT TAKE A POSITION AS BETWEEN COMPETING EC CANDIDATES. ROBINSON

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